

Alexandria Gazette

SATURDAY EVENING, JANUARY 4.

RAILROADS BUILT IN 1878—The number of miles of railroad constructed in the past year exceeded, but only slightly, the construction of 1877. In 1872 7,340 miles of railroad were built in the United States; in 1873 the mileage fell to 3,833; in 1874 2,025 miles were built, and it was not until 1875, two years after the great crash, that construction of this kind (rubbed bottom with 1,561 miles; in 1876 there was an increase to 2,460 miles; in 1877 it fell again to 2,231 and in 1878 it rose to 2,620, the largest mileage since 1873. That the construction of railroads has increased so very slowly, during a year when money was abundant and both labor and material unprecedentedly cheap, shows how serious was the blow which the period of inflation and of railroad building on a large scale, antecedent to 1873, inflicted on this business. It is notorious that new roads can now be built and equipped at less than half the cost of the cheapest existing roads in the country.

An old colored preacher in Atlanta, Ga., was lecturing a youth of his fold about the sin of dancing, when the latter protested that the Bible plainly said: "There's a time to dance." "Yes, dar am a time to dance," said the dark divan; "and it's when a boy gets a whippin' for gwine to a ball."

"WANTED.—A gentle serrel colt, suitable for a young lady with a long tail."

Penitentiary statistics are more interesting to the "ons" than to the "ies."

CALENDAR FOR 1879.

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Opening and Closing of the Mails.

CLOSING.
Washington, D. C. to Alexandria and Northeastern mails 12 m. and 8:30 p. m.
Western mails 4:30 a. m. and 8:30 p. m.
Southern mails, via Richmond, Va., 6:00 a. m. and 5:00 p. m.
Southwestern mails, via Lynchburg, Virginia, (through mail) 6:00 a. m. and 5:00 p. m.
Alexandria to Lynchburg, Va. (way mail) including through mails, 6:00 a. m. Danville, Va., 6:00 p. m.
Manassas Division 6:00 a. m.
Alexandria to Round Hill, Va., 8:00 a. m.
OPENING.
Northern and Western mails, via Washington, D. C., 8:30 a. m. and 2:00 and 6:00 p. m.
Southern mails, via Richmond, Va., 8:30 a. m. and 1:00 p. m.
Southwestern mails, via Lynchburg, Virginia, (through mail) 8:30 a. m. and 1:00 p. m. Danville, Va., 1:10 p. m.
Southwestern mails, including way mails on Midland Railroad 8:30 a. m. Manassas Division 8:30 a. m.
Round Hill to Alexandria, Va., 3:30 p. m.
Office Hours—Office opens at 8:30 a. m., and closes at 7:00 p. m.
Sunday Hours—Office opens at 8:30 a. m., and closes at 9:30 a. m.

GOODS FOR THE SEASON at 83 King, corner of Royal street.—The subscriber has received their supply for the season, of Sleigh Baskets, Sleigh Runners, Sleigh Bells, Sleigh Shafts, &c.—Also a full stock of Skates of the latest styles, embracing American Club, New York Club, Boston of the Park, Ice King, Ice Monarch, &c. &c. and a variety of Wood Bottom Skates, which they will sell at a small advance. Purchasers will please examine.
J. T. CREIGHTON & SON,
83 King, corner of Royal St.

CHOPPING AXES AND HANDLES—We are in receipt of another lot of the celebrated "Red Warrior Axes," so well known in this market. These axes are made by William Mann, Lewistown, Pa. Each axe bears his stamp and is wrapped in a printed certificate of the Manufacturer, in which he claims that they are the best axes made. After an experience of 30 years we endorse his certificate. Handles in quality to suit. Axes at low prices. Call and see.
J. T. CREIGHTON & SON,
83 King, corner of Royal.

CITIZENS' NATIONAL BANK,
Alexandria, December 20, 1878.
The Annual Election for Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House on TUESDAY, January 14, 1879, between the hours of 11 and 12 o'clock m.
dec17 W. H. LAMBERT, Cashier.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ALEXANDRIA,
Alexandria, Dec. 18, 1878.
The annual election for Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 14, 1879, between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock.
dec19-wd CHAS. R. HOOFF, Cashier.

NOTICE.—All persons who have claims against the estate of JOHN LAPHEN, deceased, will present them without delay, and those indebted to the said estate will please make payment to
MAY LOUISA LAPHEN,
Administratrix.

SEWING MACHINES—We would ask special attention to the "DOMESTIC" SEWING MACHINES which we are selling at very low prices. These machines are made in the most substantial manner, require very little power to work them, have all the necessary attachments, and we know will give satisfaction. We will be pleased to explain their great advantages to any person interested.
dec9 E. S. LEADSBATH & BRO.

TO THE TRADE.
JOHN A. FIELD,
71 King street.
Is Agent for ALLEN & CO.'S RICHMOND GEM CIGARETTES and other goods; also FELGNER & SON'S HERB DE LA REIM CIGARETTES. Will sell them at FACTORY PRICES. Call and see source, ap 22

ORANGE BLOSSOM COLOGNE WATER.
—We have just prepared, specially for the Christmas holidays, ten gallons of the above fragrant and delightful perfume, which we have now been manufacturing for so many years and which has been so much appreciated by all of our customers.
dec17 ANNIE & CO.,
Nos. 79 & 81 King St.

SLEIGH RUNNERS, all sizes, Willow Sleigh Baskets, Sleigh Bells, &c., a full stock at
dec10 JAS. F. CARLIN & SONS.
SABATOGA POTATO SLICERS AND SLAW CUTTERS at
dec19 MCLEAN & UHLERS,
107 King street.

JOB PRINTING.

THE ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE

BOOK AND JOB PRINTING OFFICE

We respectfully call the attention of our customers and the public generally to the fact that we are always prepared to execute all kinds of

CARDS.

BILL HEADS.

CIRCULARS.

BILLS OF LADING.

TICKETS.

LETTER HEADS.

BOOKS.

BRIEFS.

PAMPHLETS.

INS. POLICIES.

SCHOOL REPORTS.

ENVELOPES.

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WEDDING CARDS.

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LOTTERIES.

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GRAND DISTRIBUTION.

Commonwealth Distribution Co.

By authority of Commonwealth of Kentucky, drawing and details under supervision of prominent citizens of Kentucky, in the city of Louisville, on THURSDAY, Jan. 30, 1879.

NO SCALING. NO POSTPONEMENT.

PRIZES PAID IN FULL.

\$115,400 IN CASH DISTRIBUTED.

TICKETS ONLY \$2.

UNPARALLELED SUCCESS OF THE POPULAR DRAWINGS.

Read the following attractive list of prizes for the JANUARY DRAWING:

1 prize, \$30,000 100 prizes \$100 each \$10,000

1 prize, 10,000 200 prizes 20 each 15,000

1 prize, 5,000 400 prizes 20 each 10,000

1 prize, 1,000 1,000 prizes 10 each 10,000

10 prizes \$1,000 each \$10,000

20 prizes 500 each 10,000

50 prizes 200 each, Approx. prizes, \$2,700

9 prizes 100 each, " " 1,800

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1,900 prizes, \$115,400

Whole tickets \$2; half tickets \$1; 27 tickets \$50; 55 tickets \$100. Remit by postoffice money order, registered letter, bank draft or express.

Full list of drawing published in Louisville Courier-Journal and New York Herald, and mailed to all ticket holders. For tickets and information address Commonwealth Distribution Co., or T. J. Comerford, Sec'y., Courier-Journal Building, Louisville, Ky.

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GROCERIES AND LIQUORS.

[From the Scientific American, Nov. 16, 1875]

The Deleterious Use of Alum in Bread and Baking Powders.

BY HENRY A. MOTT, JR., PH.D., E. M.

Out of the many baking powders I have examined, I have selected the more prominent ones that are adulterated, giving in each case a quantitative analysis of the same. The following analyses are of "Dooley's Standard Baking Powder," "Charm Baking Powder," and the baking powder manufactured by C. E. Andrews & Co., of Milwaukee. The analysis of the last three baking powders given in the first column was made by Professor Robert W. Schiedler.

NO. 1—DOOLEY'S STANDARD BAKING POWDER.

Burnt Alum..... 55.45 per cent

Ricarbonate of Soda..... 2.17

Sesquicarbonate of Ammonia..... 2.31

Cream of Tartar..... 4.07

Starch..... 100.00

NO. 2—PATAPSCO BAKING POWDER.

Smith, Hanway & Co., Baltimore, Md.

Analysis by Dr. Mott.

Burnt Alum..... 19.15 per cent

Ricarbonate of Soda..... 22.91

Cream of Tartar..... None

Starch..... 57.45

100.00

NO. 3—CHAM BAKING POWDER.

Rehrer, Christian & Co., St. Louis, Missouri.

Analysis by Dr. Mott.

Burnt Alum..... 20.61 per cent

Ricarbonate of Soda..... 31.82

Cream of Tartar..... None

Starch..... 57.45

100.00

NO. 4—BAKING POWDER

Manufactured by C. E. Andrews & Co., Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Analysis by Dr. Mott.

Burnt Alum..... 22.53 per cent

Ricarbonate of Soda..... 21.79

Cream of Tartar..... 55.63

Starch..... 100.00

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On reviewing the above analyses it will be seen that, in the "Patapsco Powder," above 20 per cent of burnt alum is used; over 22 per cent, in "Andrews," over 25 per cent in "Dooley's," and about 30 per cent in the "Charm."

Not one pound of these powders could be sold in England, as it is against the law to use alum for making bread.

NOTICE.—We have just commenced our MEAT BUSINESS, and will keep always on hand a good supply of CHOICE MEATS, of our own curing, consisting of MINCE MEAT, SAUSAGE MEAT, PUDDINGS, PIGS' FEET, HOGS HEADS, &c. Also FRESH BUTTER, together with a choice lot of GROCERIES, &c.

oct25 No. 71 south Fairfax st.

J. S. MILBURN,
WHOLESALE AND FAMILY GROCER,
TEA DEALER AND COMMISSION
MERCHANT,
No. 19 north Royal st., near Market square,
Alexandria, Va.

Consignments and orders will receive careful and prompt attention. my 20

J. BRODERS & CO.,
Wholesale Dealers and Jobbers in
GROCERIES, PROVISIONS, FLOUR,
SALT AND FISH.
A full line of celebrated pure, old Whiskies, Brandy, Gin, Rum, &c. Massey & Co.'s Philadelphia and Claggett's Baltimore Ales, and Bergner & Engel's Lager Beer, in casks or bottles.
Agents for James S. Welch's Best Family Flour, James C. Kirk & Co's Standard Soap, Dupont & Co's Sporting and Blasting Gunpowder, and Baltimore and Potomac River Steamers.
Orders promptly attended to, and consignments solicited. No. 11 King street,
oct 26-1f Alexandria, Va.

R. W. AVERY
Dealer in
CHOICE FAMILY FANCY GROCERIES, WINE, LIQUORS, &c., &c.,
225 King st., cor. Alfred,
ALEXANDRIA, VA.
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G. W. HANSLEY,
WHOLESALE AND FAMILY GROCER
—AND—
TEA DEALER.
S. E. COR. KING AND ST. ASAPH STS.
nov 22-1f Alexandria, Va.

GOODS FOR THE SEASON at No. 88 KING ST., CORNER OF ROYAL ST.—Persons in search of goods for Christmas presents are invited to examine our stock of Pen, Pocket and Table Cutlery, Scissors, Razors, &c., which have been selected with care and purchased at very low prices. The patterns are pretty and the finish first rate. Also other goods for the little folks, which cannot fail to please. Please give us a call.
dec 17 J. T. CREIGHTON & SON.

CHOICE GOODS AT
C. C. BERRY'S.
Handkerchiefs, Collars and Cuffs; Kid and other Gloves; Scarfs and Bows; Toilet Sets; Vases; Perfumed Soaps; Dolls; Toys in great variety with a large assortment of other goods, all of which will be sold at prices to suit the times.
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NOTICE—WE WILL AT ALL TIMES SELL GROCERIES AT CHEAP AND MANY OF THEM CHEAPER, THAN ANY PRICE LIST ADVERTISED. A comparison of prices solicited.
F. J. DAVIDSON.

STEAMERS.

IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE ICE AND

the patrons will not be delayed, the

of the POTOMAC FERRY CO. will run as follows on and after December 24, 1878:

LEAVE ALEXANDRIA at 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 a. m., and 1:30, 3:30 and 5:30 p. m.

LEAVE WASHINGTON at 8:00, 10:00 and 12:30 a. m., and 2:30, 4:30 and 6:01 p. m. (dec25)

RESUMPTION OF ROUTE.

On and after THURSDAY, February 14th, 1879, the steamer MATTANO, Captain Wm. H. Byles, will be run as follows:

Leave Alexandria EVERY MONDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY, from King street wharf, at half-past seven o'clock a. m., for Landings on the Potomac as follows: Nomini, Leave Nomini EVERY TUESDAY and FRIDAY MORNING, at 6 o'clock, for Washington, arriving early the same evening. Freight received daily.

feb 11 J. BRODERS & CO., Agents,
INLAND & SEABOARD COASTING CO.

—of the—

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

This company orders unrivalled facilities for the transportation of freight and passengers, and will run their steamers regularly as follows:

FOR NEW YORK

The Al Steamships E. C. KNIGHT and JOHN GIBSON leave the company's wharf, Alexandria, EVERY SATURDAY MORNING, and New York, from pier 41 East River, EVERY SATURDAY at four o'clock p. m.

FOR NORFOLK.

The elegant, new and substantial iron steamer LADY OF THE LAKE, leaves the company's wharf, Washington, EVERY MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY, at five o'clock p. m., and Alexandria, at 7 o'clock a. m., returning, leaves Norfolk EVERY TUESDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY, at 5 o'clock p. m. This line connects at Norfolk with the ships of the Merchants' and Miners' Transportation Company for Boston and Providence, and with the coastwise and best route to these cities and their connections throughout New England. Fare to Norfolk 25c, round trip \$5. Tickets good until used.

FOR THE POTOMAC RIVER LANDINGS.

The new and commodious iron steamer JOHN W. THOMPSON, built especially for this route, leaves the company's wharf, Washington, EVERY MONDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY, at 7 o'clock a. m., and Alexandria at 9:30 a. m., returning, arrives EVERY WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY and SUNDAY, at 6 o'clock p. m.

This company makes close connections at Alexandria with the W. & O. R. R., and at Philadelphia with the P. & D. R. R., and at New York with the N. Y. & N. H. R. R., and at Boston with the B. & M. R. R., and at Providence with the P. & D. R. R., and at Worcester with the W. & M. R. R., and at Springfield with the S. & W. R. R., and at Hartford with the H. & M. R. R., and at New Haven with the N. H. & N. Y. R. R., and at New York with the N. Y. & N. H. R. R., and at Boston with the B. & M. R. R., and at Providence with the P. & D. R. R., and at Worcester with the W. & M. R. R., and at Springfield with the S. & W. R. R., and at Hartford with the H. & M. R. R., and at New Haven with the N. H. & N. Y. R. R., and at New York with the N. Y. & N. H. R. R., and at Boston with the B. & M. R. R., and at Providence with the P. & D. R. R., and at Worcester with the W. & M. R. R., and at Springfield with the S. & W. R. R., and at Hartford with the H. & M. R. R., and at New Haven with the N. H. & N. Y. R. R., and at New York with the N. Y. & N. H. R. R., and at Boston with the B. & M. R. R., and at Providence with the P. & D. R. R., and at Worcester with the W. & M. R. R., and at Springfield with the S. & W. R. R., and at Hartford with the H. & M. R. R., and at New Haven with the N. H. & N. Y. R. R., and at New York with the N. Y. & N. H. R. R., and at Boston with the B. & M. R. R., and at Providence with the P. & D. R. R., and at Worcester with the W. & M. R. R., and at Springfield with the S. & W. R. R., and at Hartford with the H. & M. R. R., and at New Haven with the N. H. & N. Y. R. R., and at New York with the N. Y. & N. H. R. R., and at Boston with the B. & M. R. R., and at Providence with the P. & D. R. R., and at Worcester with the W. & M. R. R., and at Springfield with the S. & W. R. R., and at Hartford with the H. & M. R. R., and at New Haven with the N. H. & N. Y. R. R., and at New York with the N. Y. & N. H. R. R., and at Boston with the B. & M. R. R., and at Providence with the P. & D. R. R., and at Worcester with the W. & M. R. R., and at Springfield with the S. & W. R. R.,